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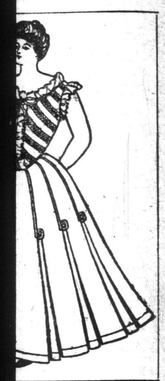

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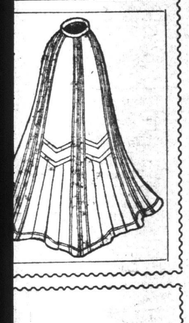

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DEATH TO PASSENGERS ON NEW YORK TRAIN

Loaded Coaches Left Central Track While Going at High Rate of Speed

MANY ARE KILLED OR INJURED

Cars Broken to Splinters and Some of the Passengers Mangled Beyond Recognition

New York, Feb. 16.—The White Plains and Brewster express, a six-car electric train on the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad, jumped the track at a curve near Woodland road, in the Bronx, tonight, bringing either death or injury to nearly sixty of its 150 or more passengers.

The train, No. 25, left the Grand Central station at 6:13 o'clock, drawn by two heavy electric motors, and loaded with a matinee crowd on their way home. It was made up of a combination baggage and smoking car and five passenger coaches. After stopping at 125th street the train was scheduled to run as an express to White Plains.

At Woodlawn road, the four tracks run through a heavy cut and make a sharp curve. When the train reached the curve, according to the passengers, it was running at a very high speed, estimated by some at sixty miles an hour. Both motors and the smoking car swung safely around the curve, but the cars following left the rails and plunging over on their sides with a terrific crash, tore up the track and after sliding a hundred yards collapsed in a mass.

Of those instantly killed by far the greater number were women. Many were mangled beyond recognition. Ambulances and surgeons from every hospital in the Bronx and Bellevue responded to hurry calls as did two fire engine companies and the police reserves from many stations. Many of the injured were quickly extricated from the wreckage, while others were so pinioned that they could not be taken out for some time. Those most seriously injured were hurried to the hospitals, while the coroner took charge of the dead as fast as their bodies were recovered.

Fire broke out in the overturned

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EXPECTS TO UNCOVER COPPER-GOLD VEINS

Mining Expert Will Test Iron Surface Showing on Sooke Peninsula

Steps are to be taken at once to settle the question of whether or not the iron showings on and near Mount Maguire, in the Sooke peninsula are a capping for copper-gold veins that underlie them. This has been suspected for many years but, so far, no steps have been taken on a sufficiently extensive scale to decide the question. The western expert of one of the largest mining syndicates in the United States has spent some weeks on the peninsula mentioned and also examining the formation on the north side of Sooke harbor. He returned to Victoria yesterday and stated that, in his opinion, there is an immense mass of copper ore underlying the iron and that, at the earliest possible moment, he would commence the necessary operations to prove or disprove the theory.

If it is found that the iron mentioned is merely a capping, as suspected, it will be almost conclusive proof of the existence of one of the greatest mineral fields of the province within a few miles of Victoria.

Earlier Investigations

Magnetic iron has been known to exist for many years in the vicinity of Sooke harbor. As early as 1887 it was noticed by the late Dr. Dawson, who considered the deposit rather in the nature of stock work than a true vein. Shortly after this claims were staked out by Frank Richards, now sheriff of Victoria, and others who found pieces of iron as long as a human finger that attracted the magnet at one end and repelled it at the other. Somewhat later William Ralph, of Vancouver, located a claim, which he named after himself, and did considerable work, more with the idea of discovering the underlying copper believed to exist than for the iron values. This property was reported on by the Provincial Mineralogist in 1902, who stated: "Although there is more or less copper ore all through this claim, associated with the magnetite, it has not been found as yet of a grade to pay for extraction, unless the mixed ores could be used by the copper smelter as an iron flux. Copper ore has, however, been quite recently discovered in quantity on an adjacent claim."

Great Possibilities

This opinion was confirmed in 1904 by W. M. Brewer, M. E., who, in a report on the Golden Thrush group of claims owned by H. B. Thomson and others of this city, drew the following conclusions:

"After having made a careful examination of this Sooke copper property and also other deposits on the Sooke peninsula, which have been in the past prospected as iron properties, it is the opinion of the writer of this report that the Sooke copper property is a prospect possessing great possibilities and meriting a most thorough exploration and development. With regard to the so-called iron ore deposits, the writer is of the opinion that they have no value when judged on their possibilities for producing iron ore of a commercial grade, but that when considered from the standpoint of their possibilities of developing into copper propositions, on the theory that the so-called iron ore is merely an iron capping covering a deposit of ore (copper ore), the writer is of the opinion that they also merit further and systematic exploitation."

Every Chance of Success

From the foregoing opinions it will be seen that the proposed investigation, in the eyes of competent authorities, will be made with every chance of success. The copper veins have been traced over a large portion of the Sooke peninsula, and also in the vicinity of Copper cove on the other side of the harbor. As is generally known, the iron capping believed to exist in the locality mentioned is a distinctive feature of all great copper deposits and the proof of its occurrence near this city will do much to increase interest in mining.

LIMITING RAILWAY HOURS

Washington, Feb. 16.—The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce decided today to make a favorable report on a bill limiting the time of consecutive employment of trainmen to sixteen hours. In addition to limiting the hours of labor for men actually engaged in moving trains, the bill also contains an amendment which provides that operators shall not work more than nine consecutive hours in stations or towers which are kept open day and night, and the time of their employment in day stations is limited to thirteen hours.

McGILL GOES TO PRISON

Toronto, Feb. 16.—Charles McGill, former general manager of the Ontario Bank, who is under sentence of five years' imprisonment for making false returns to the Dominion government, left this morning for Kingston. The prisoner had been detained here to render assistance in the investigation being carried on by the curator into the affairs of the Ontario Bank. His family were allowed to say farewell to him yesterday at the offices of the bank.

PREMIER SCOTT'S JOURNEY

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan, left last evening on the south train for New York. From there he will proceed to the Bermuda islands, where he will spend some weeks recuperating from his recent illness.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL

Toronto, Feb. 15.—A deputation from Brantford waited on Premier Whitney and several members of the cabinet this morning and asked that the government make a grant of $10,000 towards a memorial to the inventor of the telephone, Prof. Alexander Graham Bell. Consideration was promised.

POLICY OF PROGRESS IN FAR EAST PROVINCE

Government of Nova Scotia Makes Important New Departures—Technical Instruction

Halifax, Feb. 15.—The provincial legislature met today in the first session since the general elections in June, when the Murray government carried thirty-three of the thirty-eight seats in the assembly.

The speech from the throne will foreshadow a new policy, in line with the development and expansion of Nova Scotia industries. Foremost in the government's programme will be the establishment of a complete system of technical education, which it is believed will be far in advance of any system in Canada.

It is proposed to establish, probably at Halifax, a central school of technology of university grade, with complete equipment for instruction and experimental work in all branches of engineering, on the lines of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This is to be supplemented by a chain of subordinate schools in all the important industrial centres for the accommodation of miners and mechanics, who also, if they desire, can pursue a higher course subsequently at the central institution.

The province will also inaugurate a good roads policy, and a measure will be introduced providing for the construction and maintenance of good roads in the province as permanent highways directly under the control of the provincial department of public works or a highway committee. Active steps will also be taken to promote immigration to Nova Scotia, and efforts, independent of the government's department of immigration, will be put in force to secure settlers from the farm lands in the British Isles, and to induce expatriated Nova Scotians in the United States to return home.

The Halifax & Southwestern railway, in which the province has invested four million dollars, is proving a great success, and ample security for the investment is certain. It is probable an agreement will be made whereby the province will be relieved of the responsibility for financing of this road. The government's policy marks the beginning of a new era of industrial expansion for Nova Scotia.

A MOORISH BATTLE

Tangier, Feb. 16.—Troops of the sultan stormed the village of Bedadua yesterday and had fifteen men killed in the operation. The bandits, who had robbed the French mail, had taken refuge in Bedadua. They escaped.

TRIED TO KILL MINISTER

The Hague, Feb. 16.—An insane man attempted to assassinate the minister of justice, Madr Van Ratlte. While the minister was standing in front of his residence the lunatic fired five shots at him and missed him each time. The would-be assassin was arrested.

INDEX TO ACTIVITY OF REAL ESTATE MARKET

Records of Land Registry Office Testify to Increase of Transactions

FEES WERE HEAVY IN JANUARY

Total for Last Month Very Much Larger Than for Corresponding Period of 1906

No stronger evidence of the ever-increasing activity of the local realty market could be obtained than is furnished by the records of the Land Registry office. Yesterday Registrar Wootton explained that the earnings of the department through fees, taken in on account of the issuance of title deeds, etc., reached a total of $2,231.40 during the month of January. The money received from the same sources in the same period of 1906 was $942.65, a difference of $1,288.75 in favor of the current year.

The registrar also said that, although such a comparison was an indication of a marked advance, it could not be accepted as an authentic criterion of the progress which had been made in the course of the twelve months. He pointed out that there were large numbers of applications on hand which, owing to pressure of business, had not yet been dealt with. If these had all been handled as they came in the receipts of the Land Registry department for January would have been much in excess of the figure mentioned; in fact, he would not hesitate to say that a total, under other circumstances, might have reached something like $8,000.

While there has been a material increase in the land registry fees, the net revenue of the department presided over by Registrar Wootton for the last month does not show any remarkable advance over that for the same period of 1906. The comparative figures are—January, 1906, $6,953.60; January, 1907, $6,229.15. But the registrar explains that at the first of the previous year some exceptionally large joint stock companies were incorporated, which inflated the receipts for January, 1906, to an exceptional degree. For that reason he claims that the proportionate increase in general business cannot be gauged by these totals.

AGREEMENT REACHED IN JAPANESE QUESTION

San Francisco Deputation Comes to Terms With Federal Authorities

Washington, Feb. 15.—The San Francisco school controversy growing out of the segregation of the Japanese school children in that city has been settled. The basis of the agreement reached at the White House conference today is that Mayor Schmitz and the members of the school board shall immediately after the passage of the immigration bill, as reported by the conference in congress, abolish the Oriental schools and again admit Japanese children into the white schools. President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root gave the San Franciscans assurance that if the bill is not passed at this session of the congress an extra session will be called immediately after the adjournment on March 4.

The abolition of the Oriental schools applies of course, only to the use of them by the Japanese. Their maintenance for the Chinese will be continued. Mayor Schmitz issued a statement tonight, saying: "We have come to a satisfactory understanding upon the assumption that congress will pass the amendment to the immigration bill introduced on Feb. 12. Until the amendment is enacted into a law we shall make no statement as to what the agreement is."

Mayor Schmitz received the answer of the Japanese government to his proposal for separate schools from Secretary Root this morning, and after conferring with the members of the school board he again called at the state department and informed Secretary Root that the board had finally reached an agreement to rescind its order closing the existing Oriental schools, but no action would be taken in this direction until the immigration bill, including the exclusion amendment, had been passed by congress and signed by the president. No official statement was issued at the White House.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The Japanese and Korean exclusion league, made up of many civic bodies opposes what it terms temporizing on the part of Mayor Schmitz on the Japanese school question. Officers of the league demand that the mayor hold out for an exclusive law as severe against the Japanese as that now applying to Chinese. The president of the league had received no answer tonight to a telegram which he sent last night to the mayor at Washington.

London, Feb. 15.—In a despatch from Tokio the correspondent of the Times says: It is denied here upon authority that Japan has agreed to any solution of the San Francisco problem depending upon restriction of the admission of Japanese laborers to the United States.

SPANIARDS FOR HAWAII

London, Feb. 16.—Twenty thousand Spanish emigrants, engaged by Hawaiian sugar planters to succeed Japanese laborers, will be conveyed from Malaga to Honolulu by the British steamer Heliopolis.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY

French Cabinet Arranges War and Commercial Stations

Paris, Feb. 16.—The cabinet today approved the recommendations of the committee of defence relative to the organization of wireless stations. The coast and interior stations for commercial purposes will include extra powerful plants at Quessana, Marseilles and Algiers, and ordinary stations at Boulogne Sur Mer, Havre, St. Nazaire, Nice and Cape Corse. They will be placed under the administration of the minister of posts and telegraphs. Extra powerful naval stations will be erected at Toulon, Bizerta and Oran, and ordinary stations at Dunkirk, Cherbourg, Brest, L'Orient Rochefort and Ajaccio. They will be under the administration of the ministry of marine. Finally special military stations will be established under the war ministry in the interior on the frontiers and in connection with the lighthouses. The installations of all the stations will be conducted under the ministry of public works. In the event of war the military authorities will take over the stations.

KILLED SEVEN MEN

Explosion of a Boiler on Fruit Steamer Was Disastrous

New York, Feb. 16.—The Hamburg-American steamer Valdivia, fruit-laden from the West Indies, came into port today with her forward decks shattered, her funnel flat upon the deck and the story of a boiler explosion on board last Wednesday morning which caused the instant death of seven members of the crew and the serious injury of another. The exploding boiler was known as the auxiliary, and supplied steam to the various hoisting engines, steam capstans, etc.

WANTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Brandon, Man., Feb. 16.—Warrants were issued for the arrest of F. Bennett and D. Purdy, C. P. R. engineer and fireman of the engine that caused the death of a section hand, Muirhead, at Douglas two weeks ago, and Provincial Constable Brownlee left for Winnipeg this afternoon to arrest the two men on the charge of manslaughter. Muirhead met his death by being knocked down by a snowplow, being struck by the wing and almost instantly killed.

ONTARIO MINE TAXATION

Toronto, Feb. 16.—The Ontario government is introducing a bill providing for the imposition of an acreage tax on mining lands and on profits of mines above $10,000. It also provides for a tax on natural gas. Copies of the bill distributed still lack the amounts of the various taxes. The bill provides for taxation and payment of taxes.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT READY FOR TROUBLE

Anti-Clerical Demonstration Today Likely to be Attended by Disorder

Rome, Feb. 16.—The government has taken the most energetic measures to prevent disorders during the anti-clerical demonstration tomorrow in favor of France on the occasion of the three hundred and seventh anniversary of the Martyrdom of Giordano Bruno, the Italian philosopher, who was burned at the stake as a heretic by order of the Inquisition. The whole garrison of Rome will be kept in readiness, and two thousand soldiers will guard the vicinity. It is expected that the death yesterday at Bologna of Giosue Carducci will further inflame the anti-clericals, who will hold a monster meeting tonight and march in procession tomorrow.

BOILER TAMPERED WITH

Vallejo, Cal., Feb. 16.—It became known today that a secret inquiry is being held at Mare Island navy yard in connection with the condition of the boilers of the cruiser Yorkton. The Yorkton had been ordered to Magdalena Bay to protect American interests in case of trouble in Central America; but just before starting it was found that her boilers were leaking badly, and examination showed that eleven rivets had been removed, apparently deliberately. Had the Yorkton been allowed to proceed, it is stated, the Bennington horror would have been duplicated. The flagship Chicago was despatched south in place of the Yorkton.

A TORONTO TRAGEDY

Toronto, Feb. 16.—A murder and suicide occurred on Richmond street yesterday. John J. Raymore, formerly a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, shot Mrs. Mary C. Harlton, a woman with whom he lived on Richmond street, and then shot himself through the head. Raymore has a wife living here, and his victim was the widow of a former hotelkeeper.

One of the wood-turners in Cameron's shop across the road saw two shots fired at the woman's body. He telephoned for the ambulance when he saw her fall. The woman died on the way to the hospital. After the second shot Raymore returned to the house and shot himself. Jealousy was the cause of the crime.

TURF CROOKEDNESS

Los Angeles, Feb. 16.—As a result of an investigation by the officials of Aston Park, R. K. Miller, trainer for Mrs. Miller, owner of several horses that have appeared this season, was ruled off the track. The action was due to the performance of "Round Dance" in the fourth race yesterday. Before reaching the half, the horse stopped unaccountably, and an examination by a veterinary disclosed that the animal had been drugged. Miller admitted this, claiming that he did not know who was responsible.

POSITIONS IN CABINET ARE SOON TO BE FILLED

Announcement of Names of New Ministers Expected Early This Week

COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW

Premier McBride Receives Many Messages of Congratulation On Recent Victory

Premier McBride is expected to make an announcement early this week in regard to the appointments to cabinet positions which have to be made in order to complete the executive council. He stated yesterday that no definite decision had yet been reached as to who would be honored with the vacant portfolios in his government.

For the past several days the Premier has been sufficiently well to attend to his duties, and every afternoon he has received numbers of influential people, representing almost every section of the province. All proffered their congratulations upon the sweeping victory attained by the Liberal-Conservative party in the recent elections. Budgets of communications of a congratulatory character have been received, and the Premier takes this opportunity of again thanking those who assisted him throughout the campaign.

The first cabinet meeting since the recent election has been called for tomorrow. It is understood that the business to be considered, for the most part, is in preparation for the opening of the House, which takes place on March 7.

THAW'S LETTERS

Pittsburg, Feb. 16.—J. Denniston Lyon, vice president of the Union National bank, has a bundle of letters written by Harry K. Thaw to the bank ready to forward to New York, as he promised Justice Fitzgerald he would do. It is said District Attorney Jerome hopes to be able to prove by these letters that Thaw was sane during the period when Thaw wrote them. The letters date back three years, covering correspondence to the present time.

NANAIMO CONCERNED ABOUT THE HERRING

Free Use of Seines Likely to Exterminate Fish and Put an End to Industry

Nanaimo, Feb. 16.—A rather unusual thing occurred in the harbor today. The herring spawning season is here, and all the large fish, the mother herring, have left, and only sardines remain.

This has never happened before, and may mean that little spawning will be done here this season, so that next season will see a shortage of fish here.

Old fishermen attribute this to the fact that many seines have been in operation in the harbor this season. While the catches this year have been larger than ever, it does not follow that a greater number of fish have been here than heretofore. The large catch has resulted from the exceptionally large number of seines used. Herring have been getting scarcer here for the past ten years, and if seine nets are allowed the privilege of operating in the harbor it is only a question of a short time until the herring cease to be the basis of a Nanaimo industry.

BLAMES THE CURRENTS

At an investigation held at Seattle by the United States marine inspectors concerning the accident to the steamer Spokane on Sunday last when she struck on Duncan rock near the entrance to the Straits, Capt. Alberts, master of the steamer, said the currents setting from the Vancouver Island coast were responsible for the stranding. He testified that the vessel was proceeding at a speed of eight miles an hour, but three of her four boilers being in use, and on account of the extremely strong current he was unable to keep the steamer in the channel. In spite of all he could do the steamer swung around by the stern and struck the reef. First Officer Westcott and Quartermaster Johnson gave similar evidence. Capt. Alberts has left the command of the vessel, being relieved by Capt. Cousins, who was a passenger on board at the time of the accident.

SOUND PILOTAGE

Since the committee appointed by the Washington legislature to investigate pilotage and other matters affecting shipping reported in favor of compulsory pilotage in Puget Sound waters opposition has developed. A meeting, held at the Merchants' Exchange at Seattle, appointed a committee of shipping men, headed by Capt. O. J. Humphrey, to go to Olympia to oppose the proposed pilotage bill. The committee will go to the Washington capital tomorrow to advance arguments against the proposed measure.

A WOMAN'S SUICIDE

Bowmanville, Ont., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Benjamin Worry, of Darlington township, near the northern limits, committed suicide by hanging herself in her own kitchen.

ITALIAN POET DEAD

Demise of Carducci Cause for National Mourning

Bologna, Feb. 16.—Giosue Carducci, the Italian poet and critic, who had been ill here for some days past with influenza and pneumonia, died today. His death is regarded as an occasion for national mourning. He was considered to have attained the height of modern Italian poetic genius. Last year he was awarded the Nobel prize for literature. He was born in 1836.

Rome, Feb. 16.—King Victor Emmanuel and the cabinet have telegraphed their condolences to the Carducci family at Bologna at the death yesterday evening of Giouse Carducci, the poet and professor of Italian literature at the University of Bologna. Premier Giolitti, who is also minister of the interior, has ordered that the funeral be conducted at the expense of the state. The general feeling is that the state has sustained no greater loss since the deaths of Cavour, Garibaldi, Mazzini and Victor Emmanuel.

FLOATING RAILWAY LOAN

Paris, Feb. 16.—A syndicate has been formed here to float the $29,000,000 foreign loan of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway company. It is headed by the Societe Generale of Paris, which is associated with the Comptoir National de Escompte, the Barings of London, the Slope company of Amsterdam, the Disconto Gesellschaft company of Berlin, and the Warburg company of Hamburg. The loan will be issued simultaneously in the four countries interested.

WALKER'S BIG THEFT

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 16.—The latest information regarding the missing treasurer, W. F. Walker, of the savings bank of New Britain, is that on Sunday last while in New York he had $200,000 cash in his possession, and that to disguise himself he had his white whiskers taken off. Within a few weeks Walker disposed of $300,000 worth of the securities of the bank.

MACKAY COMPANIES

Boston, Feb. 15.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Mackay companies held here today, the present five trustees, namely, Clarence H. Mackay, William C. Cook, George G. Ward, Dumont Clark and Edward O. Platt, were re-elected; and two new trustees, namely, Pliny Fisk of New York and R. A. Smith of Toronto, were added to the board. The annual report shows the companies to be in a very prosperous condition, having no debts and an increasing surplus. The Mackay companies own the Commercial Cable Company, the Postal Telegraph Cable Company and the Pacific Commercial Cable Company. The balance sheets show assets of $23,107,847.

SPECIAL ENVOY FROM EMPEROR OF JAPAN

Returns Via Canada—Postoffice Department Fights Shy of Rural Free Delivery

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Consul Nosse is advised that His Imperial Highness General Prince Fushimi, special envoy of the Japanese Emperor to King Edward, is now en route for England via Asiatic route, accompanied by a distinguished suite, consisting of the following: Hon. S. Nagasaki, counsellor of the imperial court; Hon. S. Baba, comptroller of the household; Major C. Higashi, personal aide de camp; Dr. T. Iwai, physician extraordinary; M. Tsuda, clerk to the household; S. Tokiota, clerk to the imperial household department; S. Kurocawa, clerk to board of ceremony. Extraordinary members: Admiral Viscount Yamamoto, late minister of the navy; General Viscount Ishii, late military governor of Kuantung province; Colonel Y. Matzuishi, chief staff officer, Japanese army; Capt. T. Takarabe, Japanese navy; Commander H. Kato, Japanese navy, A. D. C. to Admiral Yamamoto; Capt. T. Udaka, Japanese A. D. C. to General Nishi. The party will visit Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Victoria and Vancouver, on their return journey.

The postmaster-general declares that Canada is not in a position to establish a rural free mail delivery. The department sent officials to Washington to investigate the working of the system in the States. They found that this rural free delivery had involved a succession of deficits of $16,000,000 per year. He did not think that Canada was ready to pay anything like a proportionate price for the luxury. This question might yet become a live issue. Meanwhile the postoffice department was improving the free delivery system in cities and towns where the population was 12,000 and the revenue $20,000.

Edward Cochrane, M. P., is being fed by artificial means, and cannot last long.

The local English and Scottish societies will celebrate the anniversary of the union of England and Scotland by a social gathering on March 7.

John Bain, assistant commissioner of customs, was presented today with a gold watch and chain by the staff of the department, on the occasion of his leaving the customs service to enter into a business partnership with Hon. Clifford Sifton.

J. D. McNiven's appointment as fair wage officer of the department of labor has been approved by His Excellency.

LARCHMONT VICTIMS

Providence, R. I., Feb. 16.—A number of funerals of the victims of the ill-fated Larchmont were held today. Relatives today identified the body of Edward Farrell, of New York.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—It is officially announced that the nominations for the Manitoba legislature will be held on Thursday Feb. 28, and polling on March 7.

JAPANESE OBJECTIONS TO WASHINGTON PROPOSAL

Opposition to Restriction of Immigrants Will be Very Strong

STATE RIGHTS NOT UNDERSTOOD

Doubtful Whether the Government of Japan Will Agree to Settlement on the Terms Suggested

Tokio, Feb. 16.—The projected amendments to the American immigration law involving a restriction on Japanese labor immigration to the United States from the Hawaiian islands are naturally received here with great displeasure, but the well informed fail, under existing circumstances to find grounds for complaint at this action of the government. The council of elder statesmen and the cabinet ministers today showed no concern whatever over the diplomatic situation.

Public opinion, however, is decidedly opposed to a solution of the San Francisco school problem on the basis of the restriction of the admission of Japanese laborers into the United States. It is generally admitted that if a solution is effected on the basis mentioned it will arouse strong opposition throughout the Japanese empire. The relations between the federal government at Washington and the governments of the various states of the Union are little known here, and a restriction of the admission of laborers would be looked upon as an unwarranted concession on the face of the treatment which the Japanese in San Francisco complain of.

Only the limited few who are well posted on the actual state of affairs are not excited, and even they do not see why the difficulty could not be solved outside the labor question.

An appeal couched in strong words has been cabled here from the Japanese in San Francisco asking for national support in settling the San Francisco controversy apart from the question of restricting the admission of laborers. In view of the state of public feeling here it would not be surprising if the Japanese government did not agree to a settlement on the proposed basis of restriction.

MINISTERS DISAGREE ON CHURCH QUESTION

France May This Week Experience Another Change of Government

Paris, Feb. 16.—There were persistent rumors today that a serious clash had occurred at this morning's cabinet meeting between Minister of Education Briand and Premier Clemenceau over the negotiations on the question of church contracts. Several ministers, it was said, supported the Premier, and the cabinet was reported to have adjourned with an open breach imminent.

Later it was learned that M. Clemenceau was not much opposed to what Briand was doing, but he insisted on a prolongation of the negotiations which had caused such a state of nervousness in the chamber of deputies that the definite approval of the majority should be obtained before the government acted. Finally the Premier announced that, in spite of his bad health, he would bring the matter up in the chamber on Monday, when the fate of the cabinet probably would be decided.

Subsequently it was learned that the Prefect Amitto and Mgr. Thomas, the vicar-general, reached a complete agreement last night covering the question of the contracts of the lease of the parish churches. This M. Briand presented to the cabinet, and M. Clemenceau took the position that it should not be ratified until the chamber had an opportunity to approve or disapprove it.

MISSIONS IN SPAIN

Report of American Commissioners on the Subject

Boston, Feb. 16.—The annual report of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions, made public today, says in part:

"Unquestionably the general feeling in Spain on the part of Catholics as well as Protestants is that whatever the formulas of renunciation on the part of Queen Victoria may have been, or whatever her personal acts may be, unless they should be those of cruel fanaticism, which is not at all to be expected, the effect of the King's alliance with that historical Protestant family court and people will be to liberalize Spanish sentiment and life.

"The Christian Endeavor Society has been adopted by other missions, with the result that today there are in Spain 49 societies with 1811 members.

DIED AT SEA

New York, Feb. 16.—The steamer Graf Waldersee, which arrived today from Hamburg, had rough, stormy weather throughout the passage, with a heavy westerly gale and high seas on Feb. 10th and 11th. During the passage William Burns, aged 16, officers' mess boy, died of tuberculosis, and Joseph Beloa, aged 29 years, a steerage passenger died of the same disease. They were buried at sea.